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SUBJECT: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICA

1. QUAI ALTERNATE DIRECTOR CLAUDE HAREL INFORMED US
MORNING OF MAY 31 OF PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF MEETING ON
AFRICA TO BE HELD IN PARIS JUNE 5. THE HEADS OF PARTI-
CIPATING DELEGATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
UK - DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY HIBBERT;
FRG - DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS LINDRUT;
BELGIUM - DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
CABINET CAHEN;
US - UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM;
FRANCE - AFRICAN DIRECTOR GEORGY.
HAREL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DELEGATIONS WOULD BE
KEPT SMALL, NO MORE THAN FIVE AND PREFERABLY FOUR.

2. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE FIRST SESSION WILL TAKE
PLACE AT 11:00 AM, MONDAY, JUNE 5, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A
WORKING LUNCH. AN AFTERNOON SESSION WILL PROBABLY BE
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NECESSARY TO WRAP UP UNFINISHED BUSINESS. THE FRENCH
PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA:

- PREPARATION FOR THE JUNE 13-14 MEETING ON ZAIRE'S
ECONOMY IN BRUSSELS;
- AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ZAIRE SITUATION IN ALL ITS

ASPECTS, POLITICAL, MILITARY, INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS;

- AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE AFRICAN SITUATION
IN GENERAL WITH EMPHASIS ON HOW THE WEST IS TO MEET THE
CHALLENGE OF SOVIET-BACKED DESTABILIZATION ON THE
CONTINENT.

3. HAREL SAID THAT QUAI WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE
PUBLICITY WHICH HAS BEEN GENERATED BY THE MEETING. IN
FUTURE PUBLICITY THE QUAI PREFERS THE EMPHASIS WHICH
THE SECRETARY GAVE, I.E., PREPARATIONS FOR THE BRUSSELS
MEETING RATHER THAN A MEETING DEVOTED TO SECURITY
SUBJECTS.

4. IN FORMING US DELEGATION, SUGGEST EITHER DCM OR
EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER NICHOLAS MURPHY WHO DEALS
WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS BE INCLUDED AS NOTETAKER.

5. PRESS HAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED CANADA'S INCLUSION
IN JUNE 5TH MEETING. WE BELIEVE THIS CONFUSION RESULTS
FROM COINCIDENTAL PRESENCE IN PARIS OF OTTAWA AFRICAN-
ISTS FOR SCHEDULED FRANCO-CANADIAN TALKS ON AFRICA
JUNE 5-7. QUAI HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO CANADIANS THEY
ARE NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECTED AMONG THE FIVE.

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